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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SECURING A LIST OF  
PASSWORDS AND PERSONAL  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Pursuant to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 22, 2002 and received in regard to the above-noted application, please enter the following:

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 6, 21 and 32 as the following:

6. (Amended) A method for securing data and for providing secure access to the data comprising the steps of:

creating a graphical image;

encrypting said data access using said graphical image as an encryption key, and

providing the capability to utilize said key for gaining access to said data.

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